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PERS Employers

Change in the definition of *eligible position*

Effective September 1, 1990, the definition of *eligible position* under the Public Employees' Retirement System will change. This change has been legislated by Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2644 of 1990.

As of September 1, 1990, an *eligible position* in PERS is one which normally requires five or more months of creditable service in a year. In determining position eligibility, *year* means any 12-month period; it does not necessarily mean a calendar year, a school year, or a fiscal year, though an employer may use any one of those to evaluate a specific position. *Service* means compensated employment for 70 or more hours per month for Plan I or 90 or more hours per month for Plan II.

Currently, and up until September 1, the five months of service that make a position eligible have to be consecutive. As of September 1, the five months no longer have to be consecutive.

This change may affect the eligibility of some positions. You should review your ineligible positions and evaluate whether they will become eligible as of September 1 when the new law takes effect.

You will soon receive an update of the "Guidelines to PERS Membership" for your *Monthly Transmittal Reporting Handbook*. This update will reflect both the change described here and changes to the membership exclusion for those employed on a temporary basis in eligible positions (see DRS Notice 90-005).

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Questions?

If you have any questions about the definition of *eligible position* in PERS, you may call Margaret Wimmer of the DRS Membership Section at (206) 753-5290, SCAN 234-5290. Specific questions about transmittal reporting should be directed to the Employer Relations Unit at (206) 753-8696, SCAN 234-8696.

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### **1990 DRS Notices**

Each DRS Notice will include a list of all Notices previously published during the calendar year, their subject matter, and a statement of which employers each Notice was sent to.

If you did not receive a Notice, check this list to verify that the Notice applies to you and/or your employees. If you need a copy, call the DRS Technical Writing Unit at (206) 586-4515, SCAN 321-4515.

<b>Notice No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Applies to/ Subject matter</b>
90-001	Jan. 10	School district employers using the WSIPC system Transmittal data problems
90-002	Jan. 28	All Employers Transmittal report month-end processing dates
90-003	Apr. 2	State agencies using the PISD Central Payroll System to report members of the Public Employees' Retirement System Changes in some requirements for submitting Employee Permanent Record and Notice of Separation forms for PERS employees
90-004	May 29	All Employers Summary of 1990 legislation related to retirement issues
90-005	May 30	PERS Employers Temporary employment in eligible PERS positions
90-006	June 4	PERS, TRS, and LEOFF Employers Reemployment of retirees
90-007	June 5	TRS Employers <i>Eligible position</i> in the Teachers' Retirement System Plan II
90-008	July 3	All Retirement System Employers Revised Request for Refund of Contributions forms (DRS 576015)
90-009	July 16	All Retirement System Employers Contribution rate changes

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